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1. Since mid-June 1951 the Chinese Communist authorities have issued residence certificates to the people of Canton. The certificates are cloth-covered booklets two by four inches in size. They are divided into four categories, and are issued to the following groups of persons respectively:
  - a. Red-covered certificates to "first class" people such as laborers, farmers, students and professional men.
  - b. Blue-covered certificates to Chinese Communist government officials.
  - c. Black-covered certificates to opium smokers who must break the habit in six months or be detained for enforced discontinuance.
  - d. Green-covered certificates to law violators, "reformed" secret agents and former Nationalist government workers and military men.
2. The following steps are necessary to obtain a certificate:
  - a. Each person must file an application including an autobiography covering his life after 16 years of age. In support of the application three photographs are needed; they can be obtained for JMP \$1,000 from designated photographers or for JMP \$5,000 from other photographers. The autobiography is subject to investigation and it will be filed, together with one photo at the local police sub-station. Two pictures are submitted to the Canton Municipal Government.
  - b. After investigation of the autobiography, authorities grant the residential certificate, charging the applicant JMP \$1,000.
3. The following regulations pertain to residential certificates:
  - a. All residents over 16 years of age in the jurisdiction of the Canton Municipality must apply for certificates and must carry them constantly.
  - b. The certificate is valid for three years from the date of issue, and is checked annually.

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- c. When a certificate is lost, this fact must be advertised in the newspapers, and a new certificate applied for at the local police station.
- d. Certificates of those who die must be presented by their family for cancellation; certificates of those who permanently leave the area should be presented by such individuals for cancellation.
- e. Changes of address or profession must be reported within five days after the change is made.
- f. Forgery, alteration, or transfer of the certificate is forbidden.
- g. The certificate is void without the steel seal.
- h. The family head must report to the police the presence of all guests without certificates. Failure to report this information will result in execution in serious cases; in less serious cases a fine equal to the official price of 150 piculs of rice as quoted in the Nan Fang Jih Pao will be imposed. A person unable to pay the fine must write 100 "letters of regret", attach his photo to each, and paste copies on street walls.
- i. In order to check on families and to prevent the infiltration of Canton by secret agents, meetings of family heads are called several times a week by neighborhood police stations or by the chiefs of the neighborhood associations.
- 4. After the completion of the land reform program at the end of 1951, residence certificates will be issued for all hsien, towns and villages.

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